

That is money that can be spent for education or even retirement savings. It also means \$5,200 in savings for every American family, which is enough money for annual tuition at a public university.

Mr. Speaker, this Congress has ended the old spend-now-and-pay-later attitude that created deficits as far as the eye could see. I believe it is morally wrong to pass on our debt to our children and grandchildren. They should not have to inherit prior profligate spending. By committing to dedicate at least 90 percent of future surplus to reducing the national debt, we will secure America's future for our children and our grandchildren.

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT IN THE MATTER OF REFUSALS TO COMPLY WITH SUBPOENAS ISSUED BY COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, from the Committee on Resources, submitted a privileged supplemental report (Rept. No. 106-801, Part II) in the matter of the Refusals to Comply with Subpoenas Issued by the Committee on Resources, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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CONCERNING VIOLENCE IN MIDDLE EAST

(Mr. FORD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, on October 25, yesterday, the House of Representatives passed H.Con.Res. 426, a resolution concerning violence in the Middle East.

Like those who supported the resolution, I am profoundly saddened by the loss of life precipitated by the recent outbreak of violence in Gaza and the West Bank. My support for the State of Israel and Israeli people as my voting record has demonstrated during my brief tenure here in the Congress has been unwavering. However, I could not support the resolution in the form it was presented yesterday because in my view it unfairly and broadly assigned blame for the violence in the Middle East.

A lasting Middle East peace can only be achieved if all parties demonstrate courage in the negotiation process. Central to this is the immediate renunciation of all violence and an expression of willingness by both sides to return to the negotiating table. Chairman Arafat's words and actions demonstrate his unwillingness to participate. I strongly support President Clinton's efforts to bring both sides to the negotiating table to begin again the slow and often difficult work that is necessary to ensure a lasting and just peace.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF LAST 7 YEARS

(Mr. EHLERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I have been in this House approximately 7 years now, and as we approach the end of this session, it is time for a retrospective.

When I arrived in this House, we had a deficit of \$300 billion. And, in addition to that, we spent every cent, every single penny of the money that came in for Social Security, and it was spent on behalf of general government projects rather than on behalf of the people who contributed it.

Today we have a surplus of over \$100 billion, plus we are not taking one cent of the Social Security money that is coming in. What a difference in 7 years! If you want to know what that difference means for the average taxpayer, it is more than \$2,200 for each and every taxpayer in this country.

What a change! What an accomplishment! I am very proud to have been part of the House during this transition, from a time of immense deficit spending, stealing Social Security money, and now not touching the Social Security money and saving the money, having a surplus.

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REAL HEALTH CARE REFORM NEEDED FOR AMERICAN PEOPLE

(Mr. WATT of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, for the last several years, since the passage of the Balanced Budget Act, all health care providers who provide medical services under Medicare have been suffering, and we have been making efforts to try to address that problem.

Unfortunately, the bill that is being brought to the floor today will give 47 percent of the benefits of the bill to HMOs who provide only 15 to 16 percent of the health care coverage for Medicare recipients. In the process, it shortchanges the other health care providers, such as hospitals, home health agencies, nursing homes, hospices and, more importantly, beneficiaries under Medicare.

Additionally, this bill would break faith with the commitments that we made during the census that we would keep all information from the census private. We made a commitment. We went out and told people that their information would be private. Now the same people who said that the information would not be revealed are here offering a bill to reveal the information. What a reversal of roles here.

We should oppose this bill, sustain the President's veto, and get a real bill for the American people.

LOCAL CONTROL OF EDUCATION NEEDED

(Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, Republicans know that children are our top priority. We are working to get dollars directly to the classroom. We want to encourage greater accountability for schools to raise test scores and graduation rates. We want to maximize our education funding by rooting out waste, fraud, and abuse.

Parents should have the right to save money for educational opportunities for their children, and they should be able to choose the school that best works for them. Even Democrats realize that there is growing frustration with the current state of education in America, and perhaps it is time for major reform.

Mr. Speaker, the Federal Government must continue to free States to use funds for proven State education programs.

President Clinton and Vice President GORE want more Washington control. They think Washington knows best. We know that parents, teachers, and local school boards know better. There is no one-size-fits-all program for America's children. Some schools need more teachers, others need better teacher training, new computers or new buildings. Even the hardest working, best intentioned bureaucrat in Washington, D.C. cannot know what our needs are at home.

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TIME TO UNMASK REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

(Mr. LEVIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, the Republican campaign strategy has been to hide the Republican congressional leadership. Maybe that is one reason we are still here in D.C. But the need to end this session has forced the Republican leadership into the open, showing true Republican colors.

Take the health field as an example. It appears that, in the bills today, no patients' bill of rights, no prescription drugs, no help for legal immigrant kids and pregnant women, shortchanging hospitals in need to give a bundle to their HMO contributors.

President Clinton will veto these bills. I hope the President will take his fight against a do-harm Republican Congress to the countryside and use this Halloween period to unmask who the Republican opposition really is and is about.

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PUT EDUCATION DOLLARS IN LOCAL HANDS

(Mr. THUNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1